



MALENY MEN'S SHED Inc NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRESIDENT: PETER FITZGIBBON

After moving to Maleny five years ago I joined the Men's Shed, seeking a bit of social interaction and to participate in community activities. As I settled into the organisation and began to enjoy the simple camaraderie of the other shedders, I was oblivious to the community's demographics.

During conversation with other shedders I came to realize that the majority of folk in Maleny were not too dissimilar from myself, moving from other regions to join the little community. Nomadic habits of

people within a community is a simple fact of life, but we still feel a sense of loss when our work or smoko buddies are no longer part of our day. Over the past couple of months we have lost a number of members who have moved on for family reasons: tree change, medical, or simply found other interests. Over time it may seem like only a trickle of members departing, nevertheless the eventual result impacts the shed as both friendships and shed operations are disrupted.

I generally attempt to keep a positive side to the president's report; however, saying farewell to members that I have come to know over the past years is never an easy task and we wish all those departing members well in their future endeavors.



Unfortunately, I have been advised by Jenny, Andrew Powell's Media Officer, that she will be leaving the Maleny district at the end of the month to be closer to family members. Jenny has been a great supporter of the Shed, working with Andrew behind the scenes, providing invaluable assistance including advice with our rezoning application. She has always made herself available at short notice to attend many functions, braving the male dominant events, but her charming character has always made her a hit with all the members. We wish her all the best with the next chapter of her career.

GLENFERNA RESTORATION

The volunteers have done a mountain of work on Glenferna and the results speak for themselves. They have given up an extraordinary amount of their time to transform the dilapidated abode into a gem for the Pioneer Village.

The blokes have worked miracles with Glenferna but Bernie maybe a challenge!



TIME FOR FEES

Those members who are yet to pay fees please see Dennis or Collin. We are out of pocket until we recoup our costs. Fees are \$35, with \$5 going to the Historical Society to become a member of their group. This small fee in turn pays for use of their facilities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Maleny Show: 1st and 2nd June. Join us to set up the Pavilion. Great company and meals included.
- End of month BBQ.

Don't forget to check the Maleny Sports and Recreation Club Inc. newsletter for other events in Maleny (www.mdsarinc.com/).

FROM THE ENGINEERS: LAWRIE ABRAHAMSON

Currently Joe is fabricating from scratch a 250mm long wood lathe tool rest, for longer work pieces.



The job is going well despite the poor quality electrodes the welding began with. Thanks Ken for offering Joe some industrial standard rods right there from your ute, they did a great job. All going well this job may be ready for coat of paint next shed day.

Colin has been on the always busy lathe, turning down the support shaft of a different wood lathe tool rest, making it more useful for the Woodies.

We did some improvements on a pair of gate hinges by welding longer plates onto one side. These hinges will be used by Peter Fitz at the childrens cattle crush during the coming Maleny Show.

Pete tried to convince us that the crush was not for controlling the children.

Kevin continues to expand his experience on the lathe making custom bits for special interest projects. A recent job was made of plastic. We were able to draw parallels with the tool angles and spindle speeds used in wood turning, thus making more sense of the material removal process.

Sid has a very interesting part for a steam loco that he has chosen to do on his lathe at home which I'm sure he will enjoy. Have fun Sid!

FROM THE SMITHY: KEN SCOTT

Well here we are – The Maleny Show is on us and all our ambitious plans are coming to fruition. We will have enough Condamine Bells for a display and sale at the Beef Pavilion on the 1-2 June.

We have a bucket full of orders to fulfil and some extras for SALE. Remember these are all Unique Bells and will be collectors' items in the future.

Most of the original bell makers have passed on but this art is surviving at the Maleny Men's Shed Blacksmiths shed to keep the tradition alive.



We were very fortunate to have been given the Blacksmiths gear, original patterns and the materials to make these by the ORMAND family from Toowong.

SO, they are ridgie didge authentic Condamine Bells we are producing. Kevin has persisted for many days to do a great job with them.

I have seen similar ones sell at property auctions on many occasions for between \$140 up to \$1,100 and even \$1,400 in recent times.

Attention Please: Richard'ss brilliant hammer headed sausage dog has had a beautiful pup so this will be displayed and maybe sold under the Helman's system at the show. (This is a silent auction) We need a name for these creations!

Ian has produced some original wall hangers and fire tools so you may have missed Mothers Day but these would be a surprise for Christmas in July.

We have managed to produce a suitable label thanks to friend Scott Strachan from The Somerset News at Toogoolawah.

So it is all Happening at THE SMITHY!



FROM THE WOODWORKERS: WARNE WILSON

The Maleny Men's Shed made its presence felt at the Maleny Wood Expo by sharing a large marquee with the Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild. Our purple shirts complemented the woodies' green ones and the members of both groups enjoyed helping the many little children put wooden items together and then to decorate them with the ever popular textas



and pyrography. Mothers and fathers helped and the kids had a great time. The Men's Shed made almost 400 items as kits with the necessary parts in small freezer bags. The Montville woodies made a similar number and even worked to produce another 60 items on Sunday when supplies were running low. However, by Monday Lunch time, both groups had run out and we had no option but to close. Our Men's Shed woodies will have to make at least 500 items to contribute our share next year.

Meanwhile, back at the shed, we are working on several projects, our number one concern being to get some pallets wrecked and then put together as a mini cattle stall and other items for a children's play exhibit at the Maleny Show.

Further to that, we continue to attract antique items for repair and restoration including currently: Roy is restoring a child's rocking horse made by a great grandfather, an old sewing box, and a spinning wheel Richard salvaged from a garage sale; Malcolm has repaired and restored two chairs for St George's church, plus he also fitted and stained wooden surrounds to files on a small table top.

We have started making toys for next year's Maleny Wood Expo, Harry and Gary have been hard at it. Between the Montville woodies and ourselves we will need nearly 1,000 items.



FROM THE COMPUTER CLASSES: DENNIS HENSBY

BACKING UP YOUR DATA

No doubt you have heard me (and other IT people) harping on about backing up your data. But what is meant by that? In essence, it involves making a second copy of all the data stored on your computer, or at least all your important data. This second copy **MUST** be stored on a device other than your computer.

Why should I make a backup? So that hopefully you don't lose all your hard work and precious memories when disaster strikes. You could accidentally leave your computer behind somewhere, have it stolen, lose it in a house fire, or have a hard disk randomly destroy itself. This last one is by far the most common - it has happened to me several times over 30 years. You buy yourself a new computer or get the hard disk replaced, reinstall your software, then you copy all your data from your backup copy to the new computer/hard disk and you are back in business.

What should I back up? Here you have choices. Obviously you could make a copy of everything, but that is wasteful and time consuming. There is no need to back up your system files and programs as you will have to re-install these from scratch anyway. On a Windows machine, the system files are held in folders such as Program Files, Program Files (x86), Users and Windows. Programs are the software you use such as Microsoft Office, your anti-virus, photo editing software, etc. Such programs create or use data and that data is what you back up, as well as your photos, financial records, and so on. Unless you have your hard disk well organised (a separate article for another day), it can be difficult to separate out your data from program files, in which case just back it all up.

When should I back up? It depends how often your data changes and how precious it is. If you do a backup and a week later your hard disk fails, you will lose everything that changed or was added since the last backup. If I was running a business I might want to backup the financial records twice a day. At home, maybe weekly or monthly might be acceptable, unless I was doing a lot of work on a project I didn't want to lose so I might then do daily backups. Or you can buy a system which automatically backs up new and altered files as you work (more expensive) – set and forget!

How do I back up? Again you have choices. The simplest is to manually copy your important files to a USB memory stick (from \$10 up), or if that is not big enough, to a USB hard disk (from \$90 up). To semi-automate the backup process you can use the built-in Windows Backup (found under Settings, Update & Security, Backup), which uses your external hard disk. To back up constantly as you work (best option), you can purchase a dedicated hard disk set up (e.g. a Western Digital My Cloud – from \$240 up), which often come with their own backup software. There are several other methods, but those are the main ones.

What you do is your choice and your responsibility. Don't expect your local IT shop to be able to recover your life when disaster occurs, unless you have a recent backup. Thankfully equipment failures are uncommon, but the odds are that it will happen to you one day. Be prepared!



MALENY & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED

(From the Maleny District Sport & Recreation Club newsletter)

The Men's Shed is a community-based, not for profit organization that is accessible to all men. There are about 1,000 Men's Sheds spread throughout Australia with about 180 in Queensland. The Shed's primary purpose is to provide a safe, friendly environment where men are able to work on meaningful projects in the company of other men and of course talk about 'blokie' stuff.

WOOLIES SATURDAY BBQ ROSTER



Without doubt our best regular source of untied funds is the fortnightly Woolies BBQ.

We run a roster of the members who have volunteered to give up of their Saturday mornings 4 times a year. This roster is entirely voluntary, and we need new volunteers to replace members who can no longer participate.

We have three members rostered for each date, so it is a good opportunity to get to know your fellow members and have a pleasant time doing it. Please consider putting your name forward, even just to try it out. You can discuss it with any committee member.

ROSTER UPDATE

Please mark in your diaries!

Saturday 26 May..... Roy Brown, Glenn Todd, Joe Sek

Saturday 9 June Joe Eastmure, Gary McFarlane, Peter Fitzgibbon

Saturday 23 June Ashley Williams, Malcolm Baker, Kevin Trevarthen

Saturday 7 July Syd Collie, Ric Townsend, Richard Lee



Maleny Show ... June 1st & 2nd - Maleny Showgrounds.

Maleny Library 20th Birthday ... June 6th at 10am - Maleny Library.

Maleny Singers "Iolanthe" ... June 16th - 24th - Maleny Community Centre.

Kellyfield Camellias Open Garden ... 23 & 24 June 9 - 4 pm - 958 Kiddaman Creek Road.

Knitfest Festival June ... 30th & July 1st - Maleny's Main Street.

Qld Coast Cross Country C'Ships ... August 4th - Maleny Golf Club and Community Precinct.

Maleny Historical Society Music Muster ... September 18th - 24th - Maleny Pioneer Village, Bryce Lane.

National Coast Cross Country C'Ships ... August 25th - Maleny Golf Club and Community Precinct.

Wittafest Festival ... September 15th 10am - 6pm - Witta Sports Reserve.

Maleny Singers "The Marriage of Figaro" ... November 9th - 11th 4pm - Maleny Community Centre.

Maleny Singers Annual Christmas Concert ... December 14th - Maleny RSL, Bunya Street.

To include information in this events list simply email to denvergail1@gmail.com

ORIGIN OF NAMES: DESLEY MALONE



BOOROOBIN: Place of black possum.

GLASS HOUSE MOUNTAINS: Named the Glass Houses by Lt. James Cook on Thursday 17th May 1770, because they reminded him of the glass furnaces in his native Yorkshire.

HOWELL'S KNOB: Named after the Howell brothers who selected land on which this, the highest point in Caloundra City, is found.

LAUNDERS SHUTE: The slopes of the Blackall Range are extremely steep and the timber getters on top built 'shutes' down which the logs slid and hurtled to the bottom. "Lander's Shute Lookout" between Montville and Maleny commemorates Mr Lander who had one such shute.

MALENY: The Balfour brothers established Colinton Station on the Upper Brisbane River, in 1841. The Balfours were surveyors and it is suggested that while they were surveying for the firm, Baring Brothers & Co., that they named Malleny Mountain, on the Blackall Range, after the town of Malleny, near the Scottish town of Balerno. Also suggested to be derived from the name of a Surveyor, by the name of Maloney, who is said to have worked in the area.

Check out Malleny in Balerno, 8 miles west of Edinburgh, UK.
<https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/malleny-garden/getting-here>

OBI OBI: Name of noted aboriginal Kenilworth warrior.

REESVILLE: Situated near the hinterland town of Maleny, the Reesville district was previously known as Howells Knob, after Robert Howell and his brother who selected land in the area, on which present day scenic lookout, Howells Knob is situated. It was named Reesville in 1923 in honour of H.O. Rees senior, who built his home there.

WITTA: Wetya, meaning wild dog or dingo. The area was also known as Teutoberg from the late 1880s, after a number of German settlers selected land in the area in 1887. The area name changed in 1916, from Teutoberg (a small town in Germany) to Witta, due to a desire for the settlers of the area to be patriotic to the Crown while World War One raged in Europe. Some say Witta is not an Aboriginal word, but derived from another German town called Vitta.

WOOTHA: Wud'ha, or wootcher, meaning Red Cedar. (Cedrela toona) Wootha is a district on the southern outskirts of Maleny, along the Stanley River Road.

WALKER HILL: Named after 3 brothers who selected land adjoining Mountain View Rd to Walkers Creek.

Glenferna Restoration



May 2016 before
being shifted

Jun 2016



Nov 2017

Bernie in the restored
painted "VJ" room



April 2018



Maleny builder Ed Lawley is Glenferna's Project Manager, Historical Society's Bernie Gilbert is his site Manager, and a volunteer committee assists them. Most of the work has been done by members and volunteers from the Historical Society, including members of the Men's Shed, whose home is at Pioneer Village. Bernie Gilbert, Clive Powell, Tom Malone and many others have been and are onsite almost every day, resulting in most of the restoration now completed by Bernie -under direction from Ed and his volunteer army of tradesmen of builders, plumbers, electrician and an earth mover!

I LOVE A SUNBURNT COUNTRY by Dorothea MacKellar

*The love of field and coppice
Of green and shaded lanes,
Of ordered woods and gardens
Is running in your veins.
Strong love of grey-blue distance,
Brown streams and soft, dim skies
I know, but cannot share it,
My love is otherwise.*

*I love a sunburnt country,
A land of sweeping plains,
Of ragged mountain ranges,
Of droughts and flooding rains.
I love her far horizons,
I love her jewel-sea,
Her beauty and her terror
The wide brown land for me!*

*The stark white ring-barked forests,
All tragic to the moon,
The sapphire-misted mountains,
The hot gold hush of noon,
Green tangle of the brushes
Where lithe lianas coil,
And orchids deck the tree-tops,
And ferns the warm dark soil.*

*Core of my heart, my country!
Her pitiless blue sky,
When, sick at heart, around us
We see the cattle die
But then the grey clouds gather,
And we can bless again
The drumming of an army,
The steady soaking rain.*

*Core of my heart, my country!
Land of the rainbow gold,
For flood and fire and famine
She pays us back threefold.
Over the thirsty paddocks,
Watch, after many days,
The filmy veil of greenness
That thickens as we gaze ...*

*An opal-hearted country,
A wilful, lavish land
All you who have not loved her,
You will not understand
though Earth holds many splendours,
Wherever I may die,
I know to what brown country
My homing thoughts will fly.*

AGE IS AN ISSUE OF
MIND OVER MATTER. IF
YOU DON'T MIND, IT
DOESN'T MATTER.

MARK TWAIN

AND ... JUST A COUPLE OF "FUNNIES" TO FINISH ...

The differences between Aussies, Brits, Americans and Canadians:

Americans ... Will jabber on incessantly about football, baseball and basketball.

Brits ... Will jabber on incessantly about cricket, soccer and rugby.

Canadians ... Will jabber on incessantly about hockey, hockey, hockey, and how they beat the Americans twice, playing baseball.

Aussies ... Will jabber on incessantly about how they beat the Poms in every sport they played them in.

It's Grand Final day at the MCG, and a packed house two minutes before kick-off. John notices that there is a guy sitting next to an empty chair.

John leans over and asks: 'Why is there no one sitting there? What crazy person would miss out on Grand Final day?'

The guy replies: "That's my wife's seat. We have been going to Grand Final day every year for the last 20 years. She passed away and I haven't had the heart to cancel her membership."

John replies: "I'm sorry to hear that, but surely you could find a friend who would happily take her seat?"

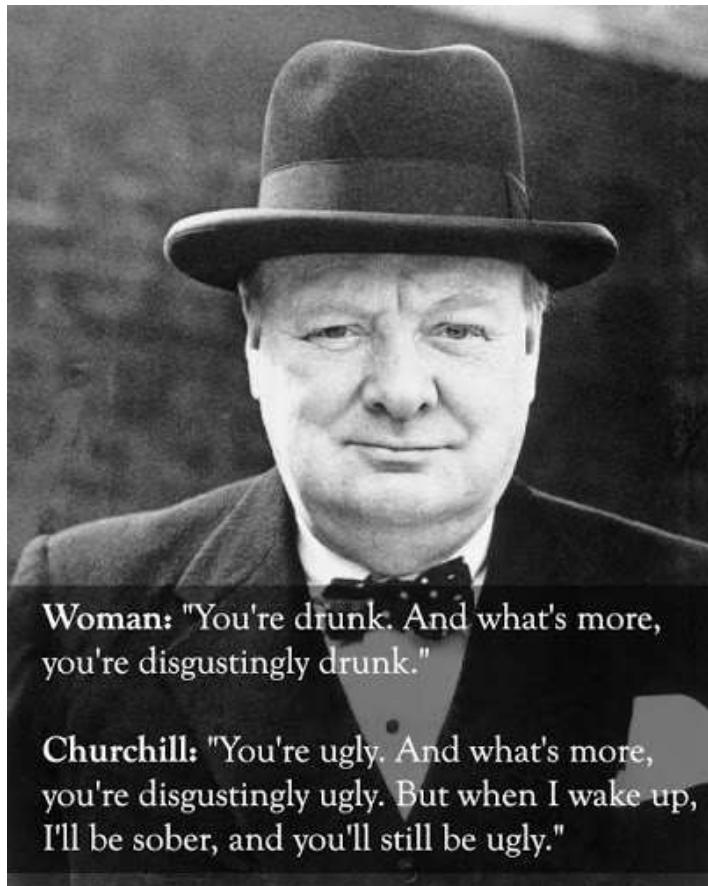
The guy says: "Nah, no one's free. They're all at her funeral."

Brits ... Are justifiably proud of the accomplishments of their past citizens.

Americans ... Are justifiably proud of the accomplishments of their present citizens.

Canadians ... Prattle on about how some of those great Americans were once Canadian.

Aussies ... Waffle on about how some of their past citizens were once Outlaw Pommies, but none of that matters after several beers.





"You know, eventually someone's going to figure it out that we're not here waiting for our wives."



MUM'S DRIVER'S LICENCE

A mother is driving her little girl to her friend's house for a play day.

'Mummy,' the little girl asks, 'how old are you?'

'Honey, you are not supposed to ask a lady her age,' the mother replied. 'It's not polite.'

'OK', the little girl says,

'What colour was your hair 2 years ago?'

'Now really,' the mother says, 'those are personal questions and are really none of your business.'

Undaunted, the little girl asks, 'Why did you and Daddy get a divorce?'

'That's enough questions, young lady! Honestly!'

The exasperated mother walks away as the two friends begin to play.

'My Mum won't tell me anything about herself,' the little girl says to her friend

'WELL' says the friend, 'all you need to do is look at her DRIVER'S LICENCE'.

It's like our report cards, it has everything on it.'

Later that night the little girl says to her mother, 'I know how old you are.'

You are 32.'

The mother is surprised and asks, 'How did you find that out?'

'I also know that you used to have brown hair.'

The mother is past surprised and shocked now

'How in Heaven's name did you find that out?'

'And,' the little girl says triumphantly,

'I also know why you and daddy got a divorce.'

'Oh really' says the mother.....Why?

'It's all on your driver's licence and you got an 'F' in sex.'

That's all for this month Maleny Men's Sheddors, and with the best of good wishes to those not feeling the best – get well soon.